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Honorable John F. Kerry Secretary of State 2201 C Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Kerry:

I am deeply disturbed by the reports of the slaughter of more than 50 Camp Ashraf residents on September 1st. The brutal killing of the residents, member of the Iranian dissident group Mujahideen-e Khalq (MEK), is abhorrent and should be widely condemned.

How is this attack possible, given the Government of Iraq's commitment to protect the residents at both Camp Ashraf and Camp Hurriyah? I urge the State Department to investigate on an urgent basis the events surrounding the attack and request that the Department update me as new information develops.

I understand that the State Department is pressing the Government of Iraq to secure Camp Ashraf to prevent any further harm to the MEK residents there. Please keep me informed on the status of those residents and efforts to ensure their safety.

Sincerely,

Carl Levin

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